

REMARKS

By the present Preliminary Amendment, Applicants have amended the specification to amend the cross-reference heading/paragraph. Applicants have also amended the specification to add previously absent sequence identifiers. No new matter has been added by virtue of these amendments and their entry is respectfully requested.

Applicants have cancelled claims 1 – 25 and added new claims 26 – 43. New claims 26 – 43 are supported by the previously presented claims 1 – 25. No new matter has been added by virtue of this amendment and its entry is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit a set of replacement drawings. The drawings do not introduce new matter and their entry is respectfully requested.

In the event that there are any questions relating to this Amendment or to the application in general, it is kindly requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney concerning the same to expedite prosecution of this application.

Entry of the foregoing and prompt and favorable consideration of the subject application on the merits are respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,



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